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HB 2820 HD 1
RELATING TO HAWAIIAN FISHPONDS
House Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources

February 15, 2012 9:00 a.m. Room 329

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** HB2820 HD1, which would require the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to establish the east Honolulu fishpond heritage area.

From historic times to the present, fishponds have been an important cultural resource for Native Hawaiians. Today, fishponds not only serve as a source of sustenance for communities, they also offer a wide range of educational opportunities in the areas of math, science and Hawaiian culture. In addition, fishpond restoration has become a major part of the Hawaiian cultural revival movement, with a number of groups across Hawai'i taking on the kuleana of bringing once-forgotten fishponds back to life.

Kalauha'iha'i and Kānewai are two of the very few remaining intact Hawaiian fishponds in Honolulu. Kalauha'iha'i fishpond was actively used up until the 1990s, when the spring that fed it was damaged during the Kalaniana'ole Highway widening project. Although Kānewai fishpond has not been used since it came under state care, its historic value is so great that it has been recognized in the State Historic Register. The restoration of these ponds holds great potential to impact the future health of the surrounding region and to improve cultural and educational opportunities for the surrounding community.

OHA urges the committee to PASS HB2820 HD1. OHA also respectfully requests that subsections (a)(4) and (a)(5) from the original version of HB2820—which provide for a site for future interpretation of the cultural and historical significance of fishponds and rehabilitation of the fishpond areas—be retained, as these provisions allow the bill to have meaningful physical and educational impact on the community surrounding the fishpond area. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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The DOT submits testimony on HB2820.

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Mahalo,

David J. Rodriguez

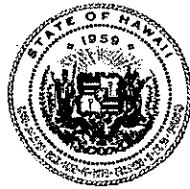
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February 15, 2012

HB 2820 HD1
RELATING TO HAWAIIAN FISHPONDS

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

The Department of Transportation supports HB 2820 HD1. This bill proposes to change Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) 183B- (Forest Reserves, Water Development, Zoning) to preserve cultural and historical sites, native Hawaiian fish, plants and endangered birds that inhabit the area, protect spring water sources, on the surface and underground, from harmful alterations or development, provide site for future public interpretation of the cultural, biological and historical areas at the fishponds, and provide for the reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement and stocking of the fishponds.

Lands outside the Right of Way (HRS 264) are currently under the jurisdiction of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) pursuant to HRS 171 and we would support the transfer of these lands to the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Comments:
Your support of HB 2820, HD1 is respectfully requested.

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February 13, 2012

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Rep. Faye P. Hanohano, Chair
Rep. Chris Lee, Vice Chair

Re: HB 2820, HD1 - Relating to Hawaiian Fishponds

Hrg: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 9:00 am in Conf. Room 329

Aloha mai kākou,

Under Section 2-14-125 of the Neighborhood Board Plan, I have been appointed as a Delegate with responsibilities to represent the **Kuli'ou'ou / Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board #2** on matters approved by the Board. As Committee Chair of the **Kuli'ou'ou / Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board #2** Legislative Sub-Committee, I am pleased to inform you **Neighborhood Board #2** supports HB 2820, HD1 which requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to establish the east Honolulu fishpond heritage area. **Neighborhood Board #2** represents over 6,000 households, with a population of almost 20,000 people (State of Hawaii Data Book 2002) in East Honolulu.

Before Westerners arrived in Hawai'i, native Hawaiians lived a life of self-subsistence and harmony with the land and sea. Native Hawaiians understood that by caring for the land and sea, they too, would be cared for by the land and sea. A great example of this is a native Hawaiian fishpond (loko i'a or loko kuapā) which were first built around the fifteenth century. Hawaiians built 488 fishponds statewide, however only about 60 fishponds remain recognizable today. O'ahu alone had 97 fishponds, but only six accessible ponds remain today. Thirteen fishponds have been restored statewide, with six ponds currently in use: three on Moloka'i, one on the island of Hawai'i, and two on O'ahu.

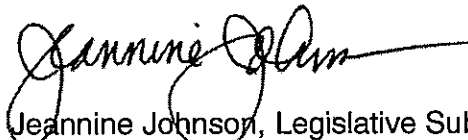
Currently, the Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center is working to stop the sale of two remaining fishponds at auction by the Department of Transportation and obtain the leases. They are Kānewai Fishpond, a royal pond assessed to have the properties that make it eligible for listing on the National Historic Register, and Kalauha'iha'i (Lucas Spring and Fishpond) reported to be the location of a summer home of Kamehameha I and where Queen Ka'ahumanu was said to have renounced the ancient kapu system at the Kalauha'iha'i Assembly. Kalauha'iha'i refers to the scattering of the leaves and breaking of the ancient kapu.

Recognizing the important cultural significance these fishponds represent, at its November 6, 2008 meeting, **Neighborhood Board #2** voted to support preventing any governmental entity from selling culturally significant Native Hawaiian treasurers such

as fishponds. Requiring the DLNR to establish the east Honolulu fishpond heritage area that contains the state-owned parcels with Kānewai Fishpond and Kalauha'iha'i Spring and Fishpond will safeguard Maunalua's last remaining fishponds for future generations.

Your support of HB 2820, HD1 is respectfully requested.

'O au iho nō me ke aloha,



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TESTIMONY OF PRESIDENT SOULEE STROUD

HOUSE BILL 2820, HD1 RELATING TO HAWAIIAN FISHPONDS

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Wednesday, February 15, 2012; 9:00 a.m.; Room 329

Aloha Madam Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Lee and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. I am Soulee Stroud, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs here to support this bill that establishes the East Honolulu Fishpond Heritage Area.

House bill 2820 was amended to **include** suggestions from the Department of Land and Natural Resources to: (1) Preserve existing cultural and historical sites; (2) Preserve existing native Hawaiian fish, plants and endangered birds that presently inhabit the area; (3) Preserve existing water sources.

The committee report also **deleted** requirements that DLNR: (1) Provide a site for future public interpretation of the cultural, biological and historical areas of the fishponds, and (2) Provide for the reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement and stocking of the fishponds.

All five sections of the original House bill and the amended version have merit and we would like to see DLNR coordinate all those elements with community groups and individuals creating a program for posterity. The Hawaiian fishpond history of East Oahu is all too quickly being forgotten...i.e., Wailupe and Niu fishponds were once productive, ancient fish "farms," now filled in as upscale residential neighborhoods, and young people need to appreciate that history of Hawaiian ingenuity.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Rep. Faye P. Hanohano, Chair

Rep. Chris Lee, Vice Chair

Re: HB 2820, HD1 - Relating to Hawaiian Fishponds
Hrg: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 9:00 AM in Conf. Room 329

Dear Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Lee and Honorable Committee Members,

Livable Hawai'i Kai Hui (LHKH) is a non-profit, nonpartisan community action group. We strive to promote sensible growth and respect for the land as well as upholding the integrity of the East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan (EHSCP).

LHKH encourages grass roots organization, community awareness and education of laws, rules, and regulations that guide sensible growth and development to enhance the quality of life for residents, focusing on the preservation of the agricultural lands in Kamilonui Valley, natural watersheds and adequate open spaces and community stewardship for the protection of watersheds, wetlands, natural and irreplaceable resources and cultural and historic areas in East Honolulu.

Fishponds are an irreplaceable cultural and historic resource that must be preserved for future generations. **We strongly support HB 2820, HD1** which establishes the East Honolulu fishpond heritage area and we humbly ask for your support.

Sincerely,

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